

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 8, 17 and 18 have been rejected as anticipated by Padovani (US 4,726,489). Claim 1 has been amended to recite a gap between the downwardly extending portion and the outer portion. There is no gap between what the Examiner calls the downwardly extending portion and the outer portion of Padovani.

Claim 17 has been amended to recite that “the hinge portion [is]above a gap between the outer portion and the central portion.” Again, Padovani does not have a gap.

New claim 27 recites a “generally polygonal base” and “a plurality of container walls extending upwardly from the base.” Padovani discloses only a circular base and a frustoconical wall extending upwardly therefrom. Nor does Padovani disclose how to implement such a lid in a polygonal container.

If any fees are due, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-1984 in the name of Rehrig Pacific Company.

Respectfully submitted,

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